

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6, please amend as follows:

The metal seat ring 6 is of a ring-like shape made of, for example, stainless steel, and a radially outwardly projecting flange portion 6a is formed continuously in the circumferential direction. The flange portion 6a is sandwiched between the first vertical wall 14a and the set ring ~~[[7a]]~~ 7 with an intermediate of the first elastomeric ring sheet 8 and the second elastomeric ring sheet 9. The primary side face of the metal seat ring 6 is nearer to the primary side of the flow channel than the first vertical wall 14a and contacts with the valve plate 4 closing the flow channel 2 so as to seal the periphery of the flow channel.

Page 6, second full paragraph, please amend as follows:

The set ring 7 has a cross-sectional shape so as to cover the inner periphery and the secondary side face of the metal seat ring 6. The flow channel 2 is surrounded by the inner periphery of the set ring ~~[[7A]]~~ 7. Accordingly, instead of a metal seat ring, a seat ring made of softer material such as rubber sheet or resin sheet can be also employed.